

suggestions about it, one of them being that it stands for Muar, which seems hardly probable. Perhaps local knowledge may throw some new light upon it: the name may still exist in some modified form somewhere in the Peninsula.

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### Hermanus Neubronner Van Der Tuuk.

The venerable Professor Kern in an interview which I had with him at Utrecht last spring informed me that it had recently been discovered that H. N. van der Tuuk, the founder of Malayan comparative philology, was born in Malacca. His father was a high Dutch official and his mother a member of the well-known Neubronner family of that ancient Dutch settlement. He was educated in Holland and devoted himself to the study of the languages of Netherlands India. But in virtue of his birth at Malacca we are entitled in some measure to claim him as one of our local worthies and to share with our Dutch friends and neighbours in honouring the memory of one of most distinguished men born in the Malay Peninsula,

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### Descriptions of two Species of Dragon Flies (Odonata) from Sarawak.

By F. F. Laidlaw.

Sub. family. *Chlorogomphinae*.

Genus. *Orogomphus*.

Median labial lobe divided. Females without ovipositor. Eyes almost touching at a point on the top of the head. Triangle of hind-wing nearly equilateral. Abdomen longer than hind-wing